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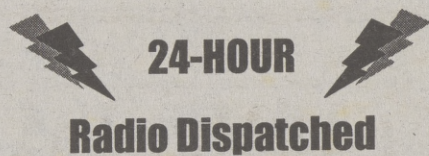
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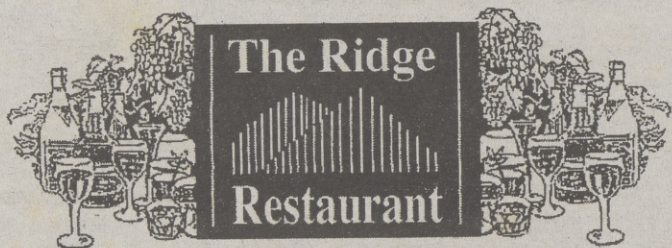


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LETTERS

Thank You Araby

Dear Editor,

How fortunate we are to have Araby Colton as a columnist. She is one reason I pick up *The Sun*.

I feel very lucky to have Araby as a friend. She is one of the most intelligent, articulate, rapier-witted women I have ever met. I have almost never seen her without a book. She prefaces her conversations with... "I have been reading this book" from which she proceeds to recite chapter and verse.

Araby has a profound love of animals, ecology and politics, and deep reservoir of knowledge to draw from. This shows in her very well written columns.

She makes us think and act! Thank you Araby Colton.

Marilyn Sanders
Carmel

NEWS BRIEFS

Ranchers' Days '98 Meeting

Ron Builta has relayed through the storm ravaged Rancho San Carlos that the first organizational meeting for Ranchers' Days 1998 will be held on Thursday, February 19th. Nelson was kind enough to donate the Stirrup Cup (adjacent to the Running Iron) as a meeting place. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m.

The Carmel Valley Ranchers' Days board members for 1998 are: Ron Builta, President; Steve Wolfe, Vice President; Dyan McAull'y, Secretary; Ann Ringer, Chief Financial Officer; and David Simpson, Assistant Chief Financial Officer.

Carmel Valley Ranchers' Days raises thousands of dollars for local charities every year and Mr. Builta encourages everyone who is interested to come next Thursday. For more information call Ron Builta at 626-8277.

Park District News

Flooding Update

Last week's storms and Carmel River flood crest washed away approximately 120 yards of the River Trail south of the Trail and Saddle Club. This trail is now closed to public use. Many trails throughout the park are closed due to mudslides and downed trees. Visitors are urged to refrain from hiking in the park until a full assessment of public safety hazards can be completed and resource damaged repaired.

Revised Garland Park Management Plan

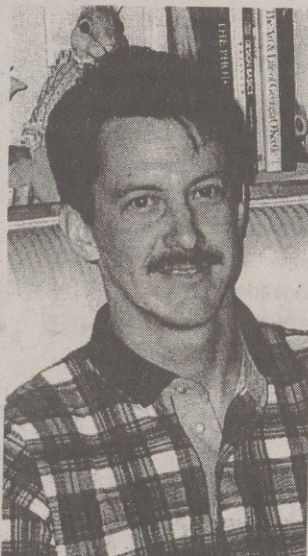
The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Board approved a revised Management Plan for its Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley. In revising the Management Plan, the Board deleted a provision for extending bicycles along the Condon/BSLT trail and agreed to hold public hearings on any future trail use changes. These conditions were part of a mutual settlement stipulation between the District and a group called "Fans of Garland" who had opposed the expanded use of mountain bikes at the park. Multi-use trails, for hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists, will still be allowed on a one-year trial basis at the Kahn Ranch addition to the park once county use permits have been issued and the addition officially opened to the public. Use will be on a reservation system only.

In other news, the Board approved a two-year license agreement with the Moo Land Corp. in Carmel Valley to continue lease of lands near the Trail and Saddle Club that provide access to the park.

Krebs Named Officer of Year

The Salinas Jaycees have announced Timothy Ronald Krebs Peace Officer of the Year. The Peace Officer award is extended to those individuals who strive for

excellence both at their professional career and as a member of the community.



Krebs, who lives in Carmel Valley with his wife Robin and their three children, has been a deputy of the Monterey County Sheriff's Department for several years. In that time he has demonstrated his commitment to his community. He is a soccer coach for the YMCA, an umpire for Carmel Valley Little League and a parent driver and chaperone for school trips. Krebs has also been a Volunteer Search and Rescue member.

In past flood years — and to this day — Krebs has made every effort to ensure his community's safety. During the 1995 floods, Tim, on his days off, served food to workers on Rosie's Bridge and delivered dinners to homes on devastated streets that were without power. This was all completed after working 72 hours evacuating citizens and securing flooded areas.

Congratulations to Tim for all his hard work and acts of kindness.

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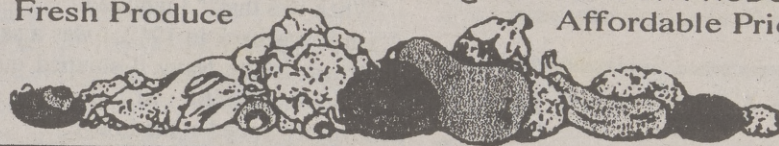
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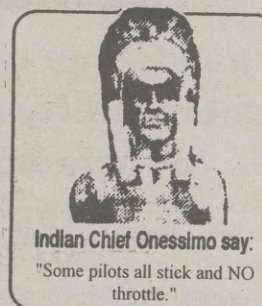
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Local Love Stories

The Peninsula, with its magnificent oceans, quaint towns, lush valleys and hills has attracted people in love for years. At times, couples who have experienced the magic of this enchanted land have settled down to spend the rest of their lives here. In celebration of Valentine's Day we would like to share these stories with you...

Romance at Robles del Rio

By Tom Wilmer

Romance at Robles del Rio - One of the most enchanting aspects of the Lodge up on the hill above the Village is that it is a perfect setting for romance.

Back in the mid-90s, I worked the front desk at Robles. That's when I learned that this discrete inn has been a magnet for sweethearts for almost seventy years.

It was I who had tears in my eyes, as I watched this handsome couple celebrate fifty years of love and life together.

About once a week, a couple will walk into the office and, after peeking around, they will strike up a conversation and announce that they honeymooned at the lodge, four years ago, ten years ago and sometimes fifty or more years ago. They often get misty eyed as they recall their treasured moment in time. I sometimes get choked up myself when I remember my

favorite Robles couple who honeymooned there many moons ago.

I was on front desk duty late one winter night when I fielded a telephone call from a man inquiring about a possible anniversary stay at the lodge. Toward the end of our conversation he mentioned, quite casually, "I thought you might like to know that my wife and I honeymooned at the Lodge some time ago."

"When was that?" I inquired.

"Oh it was back in 1942. I was a second lieutenant in the Navy. I shipped out for the South Pacific as soon as our honeymoon ended at the Lodge."

"What room were you in?" I asked.

"I don't recall," he answered.

"Can you describe the room?" I asked.

He did, and I knew right away which room they had. I replied, "Well, when you come here to celebrate your fiftieth anniversary, I will have your old honeymoon room waiting for you." It just so happened that when the couple arrived three months later, I was on front desk duty and I had the pleasure to escort them to their room.

As they glanced around their old/new upstairs guest quarters in the main lodge, I suddenly felt like all three of us had just entered the Twilight Zone. In case you are not familiar with the Lodge, most of the rooms and cottages remain fundamentally unchanged since the day they were christened sixty-some years ago. Here you

will find original knotty-pine plank paneling on the interior walls, rustic double-hung wood sash windows, and vintage bathtubs and sinks. And this is exactly what this couple, coming back for the first time in fifty years, encountered in their old honeymoon suite.

As I watched them take inventory of their abode, I realized how rare it must be to go back to where you honeymooned a half century ago and find, not only your old room exactly as you remembered it, but the outdoor setting to be unchanged as well.

What made it all the more spellbinding for me was when the wife said, "I brought our honeymoon photo album with us. Would you like to look at it?"

"I sure would," I said.

There they were, standing by the front steps, by the oak tree, and lounging next to the swimming pool, looking surprisingly like a young John Wayne and June Allyson. The most uncanny part was the realization that the natural background scene and the swimming pool setting in their honeymoon photos were virtually identical to what they saw upon their return, five decades later, except for different style umbrellas and patio furnishings.

Later that evening, as I visited with the couple in the Robles Cantina Bar, Glen Miller's classic World War II song, Moonlight Serenade started playing on the radio. They both suddenly stopped talking and they turned and embraced each other tightly as they savored their old favorite tune.

It was I who had tears in my eyes, as I watched this handsome couple celebrate fifty years of love and life together.

I can only hope and pray that Beth and I will be able to come back to our honeymoon hideaway, to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary with the same joy and love that this couple radiated while enjoying the romantic, and timeless setting at Historic Robles del Rio Lodge.



A Letter...

The year was 1967. A



man living in San Francisco decided to get away from the city and headed South to Carmel for the weekend. Driving down Highway One he stopped at Point Lobos to take a walk.

While he found the trails at Point Lobos well defined, the man decided to take a detour to find solitude. His mind was cluttered with thoughts of a woman he had only known for a brief time. She had left him, temporarily, to spend a year abroad studying art in Japan.

He looked across the flat, glimmering

Pacific Ocean wondering what his love was doing in a land he had never seen. He felt Point Lobos was the closest place he would get to her for a while. Before she left on her journey, he had asked her to marry him. Was she happy he wondered? Did she miss him? Was she reconsidering marriage? He decided to write her a letter to document the feelings he had at the time. Instead of mailing the letter, he placed it underneath a rock he found off the trail. The next time he was there, he thought, his love would be with him to answer all of his questions.

A year past, and the woman was again with the man she had fallen in love with before Japan. They were married shortly

after her return to the states. On their honeymoon, the man told her he wanted to take her to a place he loved, Carmel.

During their visit, the two went to Point Lobos to take a hike. "Go off the trail and lift up that rock," the man told the woman while pointing up the hill. The woman lifted the rock and there, somewhat worn, but still intact, was the letter her husband had written a year ago. They sat down, looked at the ocean view, and read the letter together.

The couple would, at a later date, move to Carmel to raise their children. After more than twenty years of marriage, the woman has the letter tucked away and will bring it out once in awhile to read.

FLOOD WATCH

Information you need to know to help keep you high and dry.

Handy Phone Numbers:

- Sheriff's Non-Emergency Line - 647-7911
- Road Conditions: 1-800-427-7623
- For up-to-date information on the Cal-Am system call 373-3057, extension 204.
- Evacuation Updates, call the Department of Emergency Services at 408-769-3991 (English) or 408-796-3349 (Spanish)
- Monterey Volunteer Line: 646-3765

Roads

Cachagua Road from Carmel Valley Road to Tassajara Road is closed due to

numerous slides and the approach to bridge 530 is gone.

Robinson Canyon Road is closed along its entirety due to slides.

Scarlett Road is closed due to a washout.

Carmel Valley Road is open but has several hazards including one laning at mile point 33, one laning and flag control due to slides at Scarlet Road, and water crosses the road at several places and the road is generally prone to rock and dirt hazards.

Recorded Road Conditions: 1-800-427-7623



Carmel Valley Road at Scarlett Road is bound to be one-laned and flag controlled for some time due to continuous slides.

Storm Related Inspections and Damage Assessments

To request an inspection by the Planning and Building Inspection Department for storm related damage call 647-7747. Inspection requests will be responded to in order of the severity of the damage and potential for loss of life and property.

Evacuations

Residents are strongly encouraged to continue monitoring television and radio broadcasts for emergency information. All residents living in areas subject to flooding should have clothing, medications, and personal effects for each member of the family packed and ready to go on short notice. Pre-plan safe exit routes from home and a place to stay during the evacuation. **Do not try to drive across deep moving water. Only 2 feet of water can displace and carry away a car.**

Residents can call the Department of Emergency Services at 408-769-3991 (English) or 408-796-3349 (Spanish) for evacuation updates.

Potable Water Still Scarce

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District urges the community to use water very sparingly due to the impact of winter storms on the ability of Cal-Am to provide water service. Cal-AM, which serves over 95% of Peninsula water customers, has suffered power outages and breaks in major water lines due to the recent winter storms and flooding. Service has been interrupted in some areas due to water main breaks. Cal-Am is working to restore service with the help of emergency crews from Bay Area water agencies. For up-to-date information on the Cal-Am system call 373-3057, extension 204.

The boil order for Bishop Water Company was cancelled on February 9.

Cal-Am, in conjunction with the Monterey County Health Department, Division of Environmental health, has determined that, through abatement of the health

hazard and comprehensive testing of the water, the water of the Bishop Water Company is safe to drink.

If a Boil Order is Issued in Your Area

Due to storm conditions, boil orders may be issued. If a boil order is issued in your area you should drink bottled water or boil tap water rapidly for 5 minutes prior to using. If you can not boil water due to electricity failure, add 8 drops (1/4 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of water and mix. Allow the water to stand for 30 minutes before using.

If You Come in Contact With Flood Water

Robert J. Melton, Monterey County Health Officer, warns people living in proximity to flood waters that flood waters may pose health and safety hazards for those who come in contact with the water.

"Flood water can contain all kinds of dangerous materials and it is best to avoid any contact with the water," Dr. Melton said. "Sewage, animal wastes, toxic substances, chemicals and bacteria may be in the water and you need to take precautions to avoid illness or injury."

Dr. Melton offers several tips for those whose flood activities have put them in contact with flood water.

1. Wash hands frequently and thoroughly. If you have children who have contact with the water, be certain they wash their hands too.
2. If you have open cuts or sores, protect them from the water. Keep them as clean as possible by washing them with soap and applying an antibiotic to discourage infection. If a wound develops redness, swelling, or drainage, seek immediate medical attention.
3. Avoid swallowing floodwater.
4. Avoid eating any food that may have come in contact with flood water.
5. Don't let children play with toys that may have come in contact with flood waters until the toys have been disinfected.

more local love stories

Thirty Years Later...

Bob Rhoades sits down at his dining room table and clasps his hands. Mary his wife gets up to work in the kitchen and then decides to sit on the couch to listen. The two are being asked today how they met and fell in love. In June, the now retired couple will have been married thirty years.

Bob jokes that a whole piece of tablet paper would be more than enough to tell their story. Mary modestly agrees, "There's not much to tell." Looking at the pictures in their dining room you might agree. The entire wall is filled with pictures of their boys making one think the two met, they married and they settled down and had some children. But a black and white photo of a young couple with four young boys tells a different story. If someone didn't know better, they would assume these were children from the couple. Well the pictures on the wall are their children, but primarily from previous marriages.

When they met he was working in Monterey and she had just returned to her hometown, Pacific Grove. Bob says it was Mary's sister, Francis, who had put the two together. He said he was sitting in the Legion Hall, a place he frequented, when Francis came to him and said, "I'm going to Seattle to pick up my sister and her three boys. Once they're settled in you're going to get married." Bob, in disbelief, told himself there was no way he would be married again any time soon. He was recently divorced, had two boys of his own and thought, "happily single."

As promised, Francis introduced the couple to each other. Bob says he looked at Mary and thought "She's a pretty gal... but, three boys?" He had his doubts but still dated Mary. Three years later Francis' prediction was right on target; the two were married. "I guess I wasn't happy being single," Bob says looking back. The wedding was at the San Carlos Hotel in the Skyroom on the 9th floor. Shortly after the wedding they had another son, Robert Rhoades II.

Maybe their first marriages didn't work, but thirty years later the couple couldn't be happier. They say the key to their marriage is they never argue. "We never fight," Bob says. When they had disagreements about disciplining the children, they would "work things out" behind closed doors. They also tried to make sure each boy was treated equally. When the holidays or birthdays came around gifts were evenly distributed. During Christmas,



they had a "Christmas Club" where each child had the same amount of money for presents.

Their thirtieth anniversary will be June 22nd. What are they planning? "We'll be in transit," Bob says. They will be driving to Toronto for a Moose Lodge Convention where Mary will be receiving a high degree for her work at the Lodge.

The two do have a story to tell. A story about two people, who with previous spouses and five children between them, came together and fell in love not only with each other but with each others' families.

More storm coverage and more in River Ramblings, page 14



Real Estate in THE SUN

John McCord

Still, It's Only Dirt

Eventual Ocean Views

Mouth Sores and Pine Pitch Canker

This morning we had a sales meeting at the office. Just as Carmel cottages are "quaint" and P.G. bungalows are "adorable," Monday morning meetings are "stimulating". We agents can find something positive out of even the worst news! Today, we learned about Pine Pitch Canker. Probably, most of you have already heard of it and, like me, have fumbled with the words. Not wishing to sound spastic in front of clients, I practice my favorite peninsula mouth exercise by repeating "Monterey Peninsula Water Pollution Control Agency" five times really fast! Before long the PPC twister is rolling off my tongue.

Anyway, here's what we learned translated into useful and informative "diligent agent/hopeful buyer" conversation.

Diligent Agent (DA): This is a beautiful home! Completely surrounded by our famous Monterey Pines. If you look through the laundry room window, you'll

even get a glimpse of the rocks off Point Lobos.

Buyer from Turlock (B from T):

Absolutely beautiful! But the house feels like it's tilting. Is it really \$900,000.00?

DA: You bet! And it won't last long. The owner has discounted the price twice, even with the peak of the ocean view.

B from T: But all these trees! If we cut a few down, we'd have a fabulous ocean view!

DA: (Alarmed) But you can't do that! In fact, if you even mention "tree" and "saw" in the same sentence on your front porch, you're bound to be flogged by your neighbors!

B from T: You mean the people closest to us?

DA: Of course! Peninsulans have spent years under these trees. They're a part of our cultural heritage! Besides, they're home to untold numbers of endangered beetles! But fortunately with no water on the peninsula and with Pine Pitch Canker, it's still a great investment! Eventually you'll have unobstructed panoramic views of all Carmel Bay!

B from T: (Perplexed) Pine Pitch Canker?

DA: (In sales overdrive) It's a disease.

Remember when they tore down the Embarcadero Freeway in San Francisco? Suddenly rundown apartment buildings had unobstructed bay views. Prices skyrocketed!

B from T: You mean the disease is like a mouth ulcer?

DA: No, but probably related. It's killing the pines.

B from T: So why can't we cut them down now?

DA: Besides risking your life, it's too expensive. By the time you pay the fees, schedule hearings, get your environmental reports, pay your attorneys, go to court, and deed everything else you own to the preservation society of your choice, the trees will be dead. Might as well wait, it's cheaper.

B from T: But that makes no sense!

DA: It does, this is the Monterey Peninsula! We have our own traditional way of doing things. We're getting to be proud of it. Just recently, locals decided to actually begin stopping at the Carmel stop signs downtown. We weren't ready before but now it's kind of trendy. Pacific Grove residents prevailed in a holy war against a national garbage junta to save its most favored waste collectors from certain termination. It took us years just to get ice cream cones! We fear complacency or worse; taking ice cream cones for granted!

B from T: It's cheaper to wait?

Eventually we'll have ocean views? What a convoluted rational! How do we make an offer?

DA: We always say, an eventual ocean view is better than none! Before long you'll understand our local debates. You'll convert to our way of thinking. Got your checkbook? This is a spectacular part of

the world! You'll love it here. And by the way, keep the Campho Phenique handy, it's canker season!

Now, seriously, Pine Pitch Canker is a growing and devastating problem for the trees on our peninsula and throughout the stands of Monterey Pines along the California coast. Here are some facts about the disease:

Perfectly healthy looking trees may be infested but not symptomatic. Most peninsula trees are already infected. Eighty-five percent of the infected trees will die over the next fifteen years. Besides the Monterey Pine, the disease is rapidly spreading to other species such as Scotch and Douglas fir. The disease is caused by a fungus borne in the ground and transported by

insects, animals, and humans. There is no known cure for the disease. More than likely, it will be the individual homeowners responsibility to have dead or unstable trees removed. Local governments are working on guidelines for the lawful and orderly removal of the most sickly trees. Check with your local forester for details and regulations.

Please... Do not transport firewood from local forests out of the area. Also, wash and sterilize your cutting equipment to slow the spread. Become aware of this infection. At this point we cannot stop the disease, but we can take action to slow its progress. When replanting, be sure to use only locally raised saplings to prevent other infectious trees from entering our area. Use qualified tree specialist familiar with the proper removal of diseased trees.

John McCord and his partner Mark Capito work with the locally owned Mitchell Group with Real Estate Offices at the Clocktower, Carmel Valley, and Carmel. He can be reached at 622-4881.

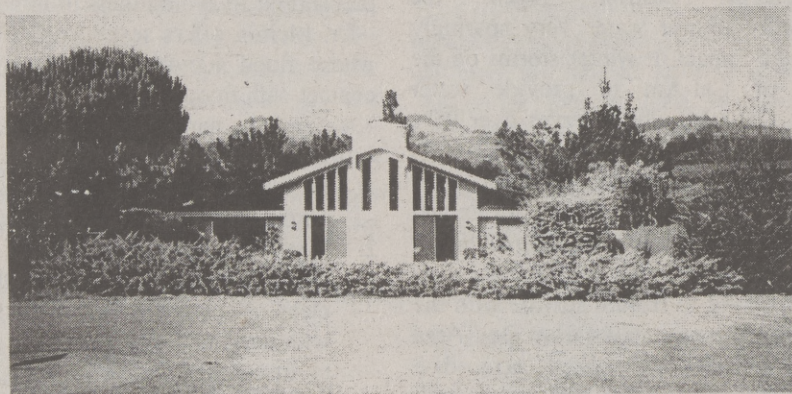
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CARMEL VALLEY ATTRACTIONS!



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Carol Jensen Root - Home Sales For The Week Of January 25- 31, 1998

CARMEL:

Rene and Theresa Debarros sold 2486 17th Avenue to Jon Hagstrom for \$750,000.00. Gregory Benedict sold 15452 Flanders Drive to Robert and Amy Arnold for \$280,000.00.

R and J Hess sold a property on Carpenter Street to Rita Palo for \$292,500.00.

CARMEL VALLEY:

Mark and Linda McGraw sold 237 Vista Verde to Theresa DeBarros for \$425,000.00.

Jane Forsberg sold 232 Hacienda Carmel to Diane King for \$86,000.00.

Vondra Bancoft sold 112 Del Mesa Carmel to James and Mary Root for \$315,000.00.

Monique Hanssens sold 27460 Loma Del Rey to Jeffrey and Randi Andrews for \$401,000.00.

Kenneth and Julia Weiss sold 27991 Mercurio Road to Edwin and Alice Lowe for \$805,000.00.

PEBBLE BEACH:

David Boyle sold 4040 Sunridge Road to Mary Cooper for \$4,050,000.00.

John and Elizabeth Trivers sold 1110 Mission Road to Bernard and Melanie Nowlen for \$435,000.00.

YOUR FINANCES

Spare Change By Barbra Alexander

Where's The Beef?

Apparently the Texas cattlemen suing the popular television host, Oprah Winfrey think that it will be far more profitable for them to parade their beef through a Texas courtroom than to stay on their ranches working the herds.

Although it would seem that Oprah defended herself quite well on the witness stand, I continue to wonder why this was necessary at all. Are Americans so brain dead as to automatically agree and follow along with off-the-cuff statements made by an actor? Just because a talk show host doesn't want to eat a hamburger do you instantly quit consuming that bastion of culinary understatement?

The reason talk shows have reached their current stellar popularity is because the interviews are entertaining, mostly amusing, and often informative. Of course, it doesn't hurt that the producers of these shows have access to personalities we want to hear from. However, let's not get carried away with our sense of consumer loyalty.

Taking nothing away from Oprah who is as good as anyone gets in the talk show business, she is what she is, the host of a popular television show. The show continues to be what it has always been. Entertainment first, information second. Why would we care what she eats? If Oprah suddenly became smitten with tofu, fried okra or grits would you race to the market to stock up? Or expect a run for these items on the grocery stores in your neighborhood? I seriously doubt it.

So what is this lawsuit all about? Could it be that the cattle futures market was already reacting negatively to the news about mad cow disease in Britain. Perhaps the cattlemen thought they would mitigate their losses by simply taking advantage of the popular practice of identifying, and then picking the deepest pocket. If so, then they are in a whole new business. Professional litigants or pickpockets you decide. Both are illegal and they are no longer economically

injured cattlemen, they're common criminals.

The very notion that because of a single utterance by a non-financial personality on television, the futures market took a downward turn is absurd. Experienced investors do not look to Oprah, Leno or Letterman for capital ventures counseling. They look to their professional financial advisors. Any thinking person will have

grave doubts that those advisors use a Jay Leno litmus test to advise their clientele on cattle or any other type of investment futures.

What disturbs me more than any other inanity in this lawsuit is the arrogance of the cattlemen and their attorneys. The attitude that the American public in general and its investors in particular is so torpid about performing their own due diligence of either

"Perhaps the cattlemen thought they would mitigate their losses by simply taking advantage of the popular practice of identifying, and then picking the deepest pocket."

the food they buy or the ventures they put the family nest egg into.

It speaks of a public that is not able to think through a potential situation and make an informed, personal decision. A public too ill informed, dense or just plain stupid to comprehend an issue and act on it. A public that depends totally on the opinions of someone else, preferably a prominent figure, to tell them what to serve their family for dinner. This premise is at once both contemptuous of and demeaning to every person who has ever tuned into a televised talk show.

This is not the first time that a legal team has made these grotesquely sweeping assumptions about us as specimens of the human intellect. Isn't it about time to send a reply? Since they couldn't care less about insulting the loyal customers that have provided them with their excellent incomes over the decades, how about we eat lamb, the other red meat, for a while. Lets send the message that not only has the cattle industry stepped in it again, but that this time it will take a while before they can get it off their boots.

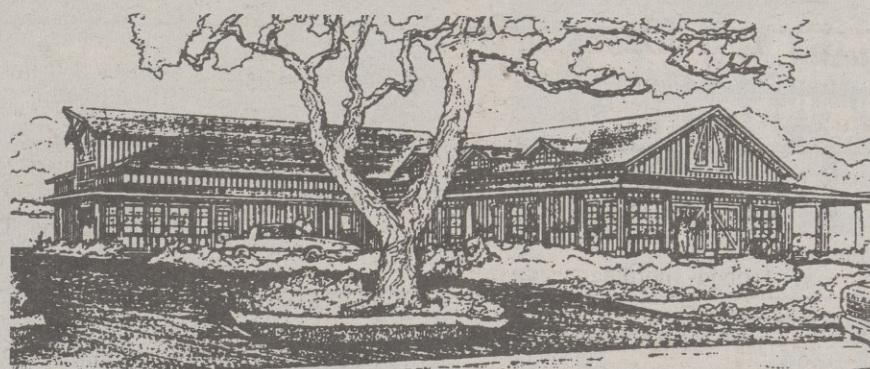
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John O'Brian sold 19 Mountain Shadows Lane to David and Claudia Lane for

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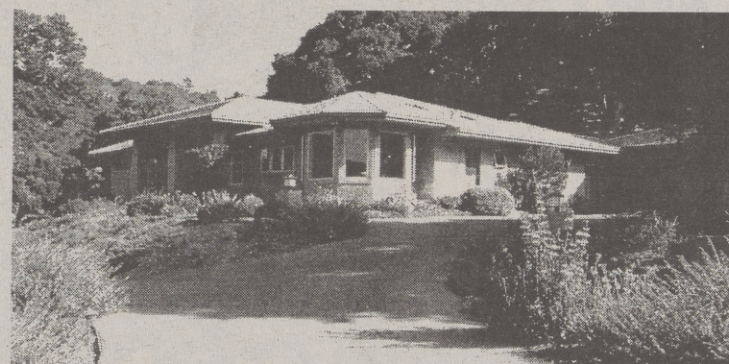
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Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	TBA	"Coco Montoya"	"The Tories" open for "Imperial Crowns"	Closed	Blues Bait	Tony Miles Reggae Night!	Kevin Conley's Blues & Rock Jam Session
McGarrett's 646-9244	Call for Information	Alternative House and Techno CD 93 Night - 8pm	DJ Mikey Top 40 & House Music	Closed	Male and Female Exotic Dancers 8pm	Closed	Country Night - KTOM presents special guests 9pm - \$5 cover
Planet Gemini 373-1449	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Trip Wingfield and Milt Abel	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Trip Wingfield and Milt Abel	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Trip Wingfield and Milt Abel	Grupo Oasis Salsa Night - \$5 Cover 8:30pm	Closed	Closed	Rockin Wednesdays with Mockingbird
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Around Town

With Matt Heimbold

This could be Doc's best one-two weekend punch to date. Blues legend Coco Montoya hits The Cannery Row club Friday, with the always amazing Imperial Crowns doing the snake charming duties Saturday. What can we say other than get plenty of rest and be prepared for these are two shows which should not be missed. By now everyone has sung the praises of Montoya, but the

another frontman and harmonica player with the fire of Jimmy Wood. Then tell me if JJ Holiday isn't The Wizard of slide guitar. Get the point? Don't miss the



The Zookeepers bring Folkadelic Party Rock to the BlueFin on Friday night.

Imperial Crowns have yet to reach the heights of recognition which they truly deserve. For those of you who took heed of our advice and caught the last Crowns show my word is now gold. If you haven't, this is the one act you can't afford to miss. A blues musician on The Peninsula missing a Crowns' spectacle in their own back yard is akin to a Monterey youth of the late sixties missing Hendrix at the fairgrounds. I'm not #\$(ing you, they are the real deal. Go to the club and tell me if there is

Imperial Crowns at Doc's Nightclub, Saturday, 9:30 PM until Jimmy drops his trousers (or yours for that matter!). He is promising an uncompromising "Valentine's Day Massacre". Oh yeah, I forgot to mention that The Tories, also from Los Angeles, will be opening the show on Saturday. This is a rock group that has caused quite a buzz in the land down under for quite some time now. You'll dig it.

The animals are loose at Bluefin Friday night. Carl, the clubs general manager, has called in for the Zookeepers to tame the party animals. Fox TV's "Good Day LA" program, chose the Zookeepers as one of the top unsigned bands in the city in 1994. Since then the trio has been touring non stop. Three part harmonies, a third album, and a three word motto, "It's A Party" is what these boys are pushing. They call it "folkadelic party rock", a hybrid of Jimmy buffet and the Dave Matthew Band. You can hear the influences of Blues Traveler, CS&N, the Spin Doctors, and Counting Crows throughout there original compositions. Get this...they've got a music hotline (800-465-9448) where you can hear samplings from all three of their CD's. You can also hit their web site at www.thezookeepers.com. "If you haven't seen a roomful of music patrons hooting and screaming like jungle beasts, you haven't seen the Zookeepers thumping through an animated set of their original tunes." - The Santa Clara. Teenage blues guitar sensation (and Bluefin favorite) Corby Yates handles the duties on Sunday, and Santa Cruz blues rockers The Firebirds anchor the weekend on Saturday at The Fin.

Whitey's has the rock show of the week on Friday with Stroke 9 and The Fingers. Both Bay Area acts have been causing a serious buzz in The City, with Stroke 9 generating significant record label interest. If you sell eight thousand units of an album all by your lonesome ("Bumper to

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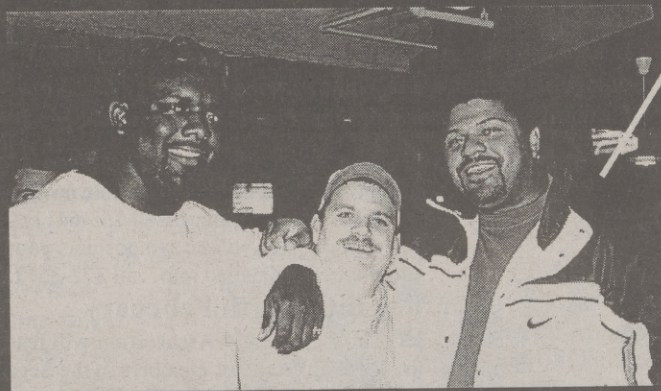
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Thursday, February 12

The Carmel Valley Garden Club will meet for an annual potluck dinner. The Potluck Dinner will be held at St. Dunstan's on Robinson Canyon Rd at 6pm. After dinner the program will feature Helen Johnson. Ms. Johnson raises plants that encourage & feed monarch butterflies. Non-members welcome.

Thursday, February 12

Carmel Unified School District Board of Education Meeting. Starts at 7pm at Carmel High School Library.

Thurs. - Sun., Feb. 12 - 15

Every Thursday through Sunday Helcio Milito Trio plays mellow Brazilian and American jazz in the Lobby Lounge at the Inn at Spanish Bay from 7-11pm. Helcio's band consists of Brazilian pianist Aloisio Aguiar and the following special guest artists: Thurs. bassist Michael Marcus, Fri. & Sat. vocalist/keyboardist James Forkner and Sun. bassist Regerio Botter Miao.

Fri. - Sun., Feb. 13 - 15

Unicorn Theatre presents a new play based on the bittersweet life of Oscar Wilde... "Wilde about Oscar." A comic-tragedy based on the life and writings of Wilde. "Wilde about Oscar" runs through Feb. 22nd and plays Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 students & seniors. Information or tickets: 649-0259.

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 14 & 15

Unicorn Fantasy Theatre presents "Winnie the Pooh Returns... to the Hundred Acre Woods" at the Hoffman Playhouse. Show times are Saturday matinees at 2pm & 4pm and Sunday matinees at 3pm. Advanced reservations advised. Call 649-0259.

Saturday, February 14

Monterey Historic Park will offer four stories of love and affection at the 3rd annual *A Day of Romance in Old Monterey*. Docents will lead tours inside the Diaz Adobe, Larkin House, Cooper-Molera Adobe and Stevenson House. Tours begin at Cooper-Molera from 10am-3pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Bay Books & Cooper-Molera Store. Call 647-6226 or 647-6204.

Saturday, February 14

"Give Yourself a Valentine." Create a collage with local artist/writer Illia Thomas from 1 to 4pm at the Carmel Valley Branch Library. Take part in a joyous art form in the company of others. Free. Supplies provided. Ages 12 and up. Call to reserve a space: 659-2377.

Saturday, February 14

The 2nd annual "Love Your Home" Walk-About Home and Garden Showcase will be from 10am - 4pm featuring free demonstrations at 7 different retail locations in Pacific Grove. The day will end with a "Valentine's Day Mad Hatter's Tea Party." Stores participating are The Grove Homescares, the Woodenickel, Designers Loft, The Country Store, Filice Design Studio and The Cubby Hole.

Sunday, February 15

Dr. Abraham Kryger announces the opening of a second clinic, Carmel Valley Medical, on Feb. 15th. Located at #2 Village Dr., he will feature medically supervised programs for longevity which include therapies for nutrition and weight loss. He is well known for his work

in longevity and preventative medicine. For more information call 659-7426.

Monday, February 16

On President's Day, Rancho Canada will host the Monterey Peninsula Salvation Army Corps Junior Golf Program inaugural fund raising and benefit tournament. The best-ball scramble tournament will begin with registration at 7:30am and a shot-gun-tee-off at 9am. Please contact the Junior Golf Representative at 899-4911 for further information.

Wednesday, February 18

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will be bringing back its popular Brown Bag Lunch Program! The program will be held from noon to 1pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the Monterey City Library. The program is free. Bring your lunch and listen to professionals who will present a variety of topics. This month Jim Alexander of Edward Jones will discuss "Investing in the New Economy."

Thursday, February 19

Join artist Dick Crispo at 7pm at the Carmel Art Association as he presents two films: *Degas and Cassatt*. The films are about art of two renowned impressionist painters, Edward Degas and Mary Cassat. The Art Association is located on Dolores St. between 5th & 6th in Carmel. Call 624-6176 for information.

Monday, February 23

Local artist Jane Flury is now registering students for art classes. Starting Monday, Flury will have an indoor watercolor class for 8 weeks. The class will be at Hilltop Park Center in Monterey in the evening from 6pm-9pm. Call 646-3975 for more information.

Fri. - Sun., Feb. 27 - Mar. 1

The Cannery Row Foundation presents a John Steinbeck Birthday Celebration! The fun starts at 11:45am with a luncheon at the Steinbeck House on Fri. At 7pm the Western Stage Players will be entertaining at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Auditorium and the "Win Your Dream Home" winner will be announced. (\$10 tickets are on sale now for the Kaufman & Broad home. Call 753-6411) On Sat. & Sun. there will be symposiums, tours and more. For detailed info. call 372-8512.

For the Month February

The Carmel Art Association will feature the work of five artist members in the Segal Room. Included in the Gallery Showcase will be bronze sculptures by Eleen Auvil, mixed-media monoprints by Norma Bhaskar, oil paintings by Joseph Nordmann, seascapes in oil by Peggy Olsen, and large woodblock prints by Sally Fox Sanders. The Association is located on Dolores St. between 5th & 6th.

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is pleased to announce an exhibition of nature photographs by local photographer, Fred Capen. *Wonders of Nature* is a retrospective exhibit of some of Capen's favorite nature photographs from the US, Africa and Europe. Exhibit runs through the end of February.

Central Coast Art Association members will display their work at various locations throughout the month. Watercolors & acrylics by Juanita Anderson at Pebble Beach Post Office weekdays 8:30am- 4:30pm. Watercolors by Susan Sayles at Sally Griffin Senior Center from 9am-5pm.

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BLUES MUSIC NEWS

The Blues Bus

By Rand Elliot Rueter

Are We There Yet?

If you wish that you had been one of the prescient ones who put money into the infant cable TV industry twenty years ago, you may soon have a similar opportunity.

There is an ongoing development in the Radio industry that could allow listeners to get up to 50 channels of commercial-free music for a monthly subscription fee of about ten dollars.

The company behind this idea is called CD Radio, a Washington based organization run by David Margolese, who has grown the company into a two hundred sixty million dollar firm... on paper.

The catch is that they have not yet broadcast a single song, and aren't expected to, until late 1999 at the earliest. The question is, will people pay for something that they currently get for free?

The best answer may be "look at cable TV."

There is a commercial-free in-home service called Music Choice, which

currently has 3.5 million subscribers. Merrill Lynch, is already predicting that CD Radio will earn about seven dollars a share by 2003. The interesting thing about CD Radio's initial effort is that it will be targeted to people in cars, because most

radio listening is done in cars. The in-car system consists of a small round antenna that attaches to the back window and a card that inserts in the cassette player, allowing the car to receive the satellite broadcast.

If the technology works, this could change the face

of the radio industry. You could listen to your "favorite" station anywhere in the country without suffering fringe reception and "lack of decent music" anxiety.

This is especially attractive to those people who currently struggle with the currently less than wonderful music reproduction of internet radio. This is an out of state KPIG fans dream come true...

The next question is, if you stick the antenna on top of your ball cap and clench the card in your teeth... almost makes you wish for old fashioned metal fillings...

"The question is, will people pay for something that they currently get for free?"

Around Town

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bumper" 1995) you're going to catch the ear of more than one label rep. Their show at Bluefin several months ago was an outstanding success and now you can catch them this weekend at Whitey's. The Fingers are used to sharing the bill with Stroke 9, playing with them recently at The Fillmore Sessions (a Saturday night

showcase for rising talent and a kickass gig to say the least). The Fillmore Sessions have become a feeding frenzy for label reps.

...witness the singings of Big Blue Hearts, Mumblin' Jim, and Crumb (they played at last years Monterey Rock

Scene concert at the fairgrounds). The Examiner's Jane Ganahl - "Taking the stage first, The Fingers played wonderfully melodic tunes that ranged from pure pop to alt-country, but with a twist - a cello. The interplay between Ray Davies-like singer/guitarist Alex Mandel and cellist Semyon Kobiala was at times mesmerizing, and never less than rocking. Drummer Brian Clahan was also excellent. This is a great bill that Jeff White of

Whitey's has put together. Two of San Francisco's biggest buzz bands. Good job Mr. White. Showtime Friday 9:30 PM, \$5.

The concluding concert of Seascapes Resort's winter concert series, "A Jazzy Winter Wonderland", is set for Valentine's Day. The husband and wife jazz duo, Tuck & Patti will entertain us. They recently resigned with their first major label, Windham Hill, and have a new album due out later this year. The ball

room sits 500 so get on the ball (sorry). Doors open an hour early at 5:00 PM with a limited 100 person reception to benefit the

YWCA's domestic violence shelter. General admission

including the reception is \$40, regular admission

\$25, first ten rows \$35. For more information call the SSP Concert Hotline at 649-1223. The duo have been playing music together for twenty years and married for seventeen. Is that an appropriate Valentines Day show or what?!

I'd like to thank my lovely fiancée Brenna for putting up with my nonsense for all these years. Happy V Day baby! Out.



The Imperial Crowns hit Doc's on Saturday Night. The Tories open, showtime 9:30PM.

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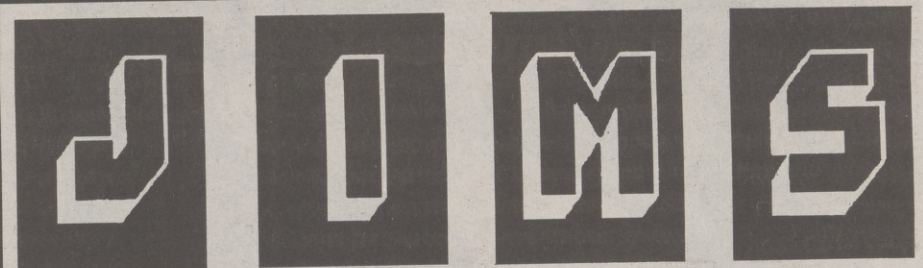
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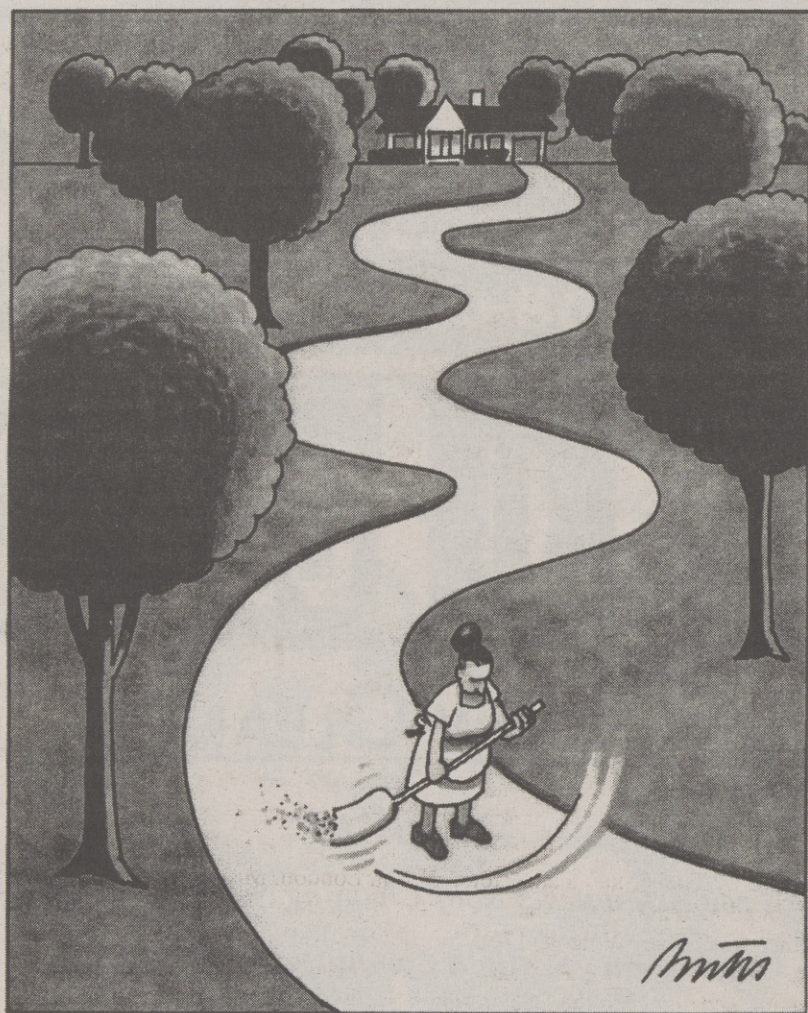
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ENVIRONMENT

Your World and Mine

By Araby Colton

An Informed Citizenry?

Thomas Jefferson said it... without an informed citizenry democracy perishes.

So, are we an informed citizenry? Let's take a look.

Most of us are now getting our information from television, no? Some of the intellectual snobs may wade through the *New York Times*' grey pages, but for most of us Dan Rather, or Peter Jennings, or even Oprah are more palatable.

So, what are we getting? We like to think of these endearing personages as independent, freethinking journalists, giving us the news as it breaks, unslanted, undiluted... "All the news that's fit to print."

But what are we actually getting? Ben Bagdikian, author of the landmark media expose *The Media Monopoly*, found in 1993 that fewer than 20 giant corporations own over half of all media "...and the situation is worsening quickly and dramatically."

PR (public relations) flacks outnumber working journalists and the gap is widening. They supplied over 4,000 VNRs (video news releases) to newscasters in 1991. VNRs come packaged fully edited, with voiceovers, or with a script indicating where the station's local news anchor should read his or her lines.

Say Jeff and Marie Blyskal in *How the Public Relations Industry Writes the News*, "PR people know how the press thinks. Thus they are able to tailor their publicity so that journalists will listen and cover it ... much of the news you read in newspapers and magazines or watch on television and hear on radio is heavily influenced and slanted by public relations people. Whole sections of the news are virtually owned by PR."

"So, if the news we get is largely PR propaganda, what are we missing?"

Broadcasters as a group refuse to admit that they use VNRs. When, in 1985, Gray & Company (a PR firm) distributed a VNR featuring a canned interview with one of its clients, ruthless King Hassan II of Morocco, reporters claimed, loudly, that they had been tricked into airing paid propaganda. However, an executive at Gray & Company scoffed at the media's hypocrisy. "They were people I had talked to who had called me back so they had the right coordinates on the satellite so they could take the feed. They knew exactly who we were. They called us all the time. They asked us for stuff."

So, if the news we get is largely PR propaganda, what are we missing?

Well, the media-watch group at Cal State University, Sonoma, came up with a list of the top-10 underreported stories of 1996:

1. Nuclear Proliferation in Space: carrying 72 pounds of deadly plutonium the Cassini Saturn probe, could, with an accident on its fly-by over the Earth, burn up, dispersing deadly plutonium across the planet, killing approximately 5 billion of the 7 to 8 billion world population.

2. Shell's oil, Africa's blood: Following Nigeria's execution of nine environmental activists, including Dr. Owens Kiwa, Nobel Prize winner and leader of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People. Evidence now indicates that Shell has fomented civil unrest, contributed to unfair trials, has financed Nigerian military against protesters, and has bribed the Nigerian government to unjustly incriminate Dr. Kiwa's brother. The US imports almost 50 percent of Nigeria's annual oil production.

These are only two of the ten most neglected important stories of 1996.

Carol Jensen Root

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City of Monterey sold 125 Surf Way 340 to Andrew Hewitt for \$134,000.00.
David and Paula Reynolds sold 7 Shady Lane to Timothy Zabrycki for \$399,500.00.

Rasnad Wanis sold 30 Monte Vista Drive 3208 to Mary O'Connell for \$122,500.00.
Diane McClean sold 738 Archer Street to John and Joy Richter for \$269,000.00.

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Carol Jensen Root, real estate loan representative for Peninsula Real Estate Loans, can be reached at 659-1516.

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THE LAW

The Legal Corner

By Barry Harrow

Given the recent unusually heavy and persistent rains, people are thinking a lot about nature. This reminded me that I answered a question last year concerning Acts of God. This seems like a good time to reprint it.

Question: I have seen the term "Act of God" in some documents. What does that mean?

Answer: Think about the phrase "if the river don't rise". When contracts are entered into, there are various assumptions that are made. We assume that things will pretty much go on the way they usually do. "Act of God" usually means acts occurring exclusively as a result of the violence of nature without the intervention of any human act. It is basically an unanticipated natural occurrence that is so unusual in its proportions that a reasonable person could not anticipate it. It can be an act, event, happening, or occurrence, a disaster and effect due to natural causes and inevitable necessity that implies entire exclusion of all human agency that operates without interference or aid from man and that results from natural causes and is in no sense attributable to human agency.

In a contract, there are obligations that exist between the parties. For example, "The party of the first part pays to the

party of the second part" or "The party of the first part will build for the party of the second part", etc.

Obligations between the parties are assumed to exist under "normal" circumstances. Clauses are often found in such contracts that essentially say that an "Act of God" excuses a party from fulfilling their obligation. Clauses can also state that an "Act of God" which causes damage will not be the responsibility of one or both parties to the contract.

An "Act of God" clause is used, generally speaking, to protect parties from being responsible for unanticipated events beyond their control. You can usually find these clauses liberally distributed in insurance policies.

"Act of God" defenses may also apply in the case of attributing liability between parties in noncontractual settings.

Whether such a clause (in a contract) or defense (other than in a contract) applies in your situation requires analysis of your particular situation and how the law applies to it.

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OPINION

What's Next? By Mel Vercoe

I always really enjoyed the Laurel and Hardy movies, but the new Washington, D.C., show is better, like with more suspense. Will the lady running the State Department be willing to wait until everybody is ready, before ordering the initial assault? Will our Secretary of Defense have his picture taken, while holding up a flag on top of a hill he is about to capture all by himself? Will our President, standing on the deck of a carrier launching planes to save the world from the notorious Saddam Hussein, secretly wish he had gone to Vietnam, so he would better understand what was going on?

And will our head guys in the Pentagon, and in our \$30 billion per year C.I.A., have the target lists ready, when our planes and assorted missiles are ready for launch?

And, will we patriotic taxpayers get to see the bombs and missiles hitting the various targets in Baghdad, like when Wolf Blitzer and his TV camera reported the first US-Iraq war from a

hotel window in Baghdad? Gotta admit that was mighty decent of Saddam to let us see our guys killing his guys with our "smart bombs and missiles." By now, I expect our missiles have been

trained to read street names and house numbers, so we will hit only the places where "weapons of mass destruction" have been stored. It would be awful, if some of them couldn't find the right addresses, and then couldn't find their way back.

Remember the pained expression of Ollie's

face, when that stupid Stan Laurel would slam the car door on Ollie's foot, (the one wrapped in a bandage, because of a very painful attack of gout?) After three or four years of "smart bombing" Iraq, without finding out which palace or cow barn or isolated outhouse was being used by Saddam for bomb storage, dare we wonder if it was all worth it? Especially, if some mean-spirited Republicans were telling taxpayers how many hundreds of billions the latest "Iraq caper" had added to the national debt (now nearing six trillion).

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Dorothy Zoe Draper

A Draper Saga

When I married George Tuckerman Draper III, and became Mrs. George Tuckerman Draper III, I married into a famous family on both sides.

Dorothy Draper, my mother-in-law, was a famous decorator; at one time the most famous woman in the world. She was born a Tuckerman, old gentry from England. She grew up in that elegant enclosure, Tuxedo Park, New York, the most exclusive community in American history. Her grandfather, Robert Browne

Minturn, was known as one of the "few gentlemen in America." The original social register was composed from the Newport, Rhode Island guest lists of Dorothy Tuckerman's ancestors.

My husband's great, great, great grandfather was Oliver Wolcott, 1760-1833, Secretary of the Treasury under Washington, and signer of the Declaration of Independence for Connecticut. I have his portrait by Rembrandt Peale, 1778-1860.

Dorothy, like all her class, believed any place west of New York was Indian Territory. When she did come "out west" to visit us she was surprised to find San Francisco had a certain distinction.

Having a cousin, Nicolas Roosevelt, in Big Sur, made the "territory" palatable.

My mother-in-law was big and bold, and so was her decorating. She decorated huge motels, palaces in Europe, and one of Boeing's first airplanes. She did the Fairmont hotels, the Greenbrier, the Carlisle, where she bought a floor. Her neighbors were the Joseph Kennedys. I

used to stay with her there, and enjoy my friend Bobby Short's marvelous songs.

Dorothy never did private homes unless they were owned by friends. She liked big cabbage roses (the "Cabbage Queen"), lots of color, lots of red velvet. She had no

regard (or knowledge of) fine antiques and would paint a precious 18th Century cupboard a startling white or ebony black. Dorothy could be fun, though I deplored her taste.

My husband's father, Dr. George Draper, was a handsome, well-liked, well-known, fashionable society Doctor. When his cousin, Franklin Roosevelt, fell ill with polio, Dr. Draper took over.

Ruth Draper, the famous monologist, was Dr.

George's sister. She used to

tell stories about characters she made up. Henry James heard her when they were both staying with Muriel and Paul Draper in London. Mr. James encouraged Ruth to go on stage, which she did, and became famous. But she was never "of the stage" and remained a quiet well-born lady with a lovely home in Isleboro, an island off the coast of Maine.

Her career was interrupted when she fell suddenly and passionately in love with a young Italian poet, Lauro de Bossis. He wrote "Icaro," about a father and son who put on wings to fly the Aegean Sea. The sun burnt the wings, and the men fell to the sea.

Lauro died the same way. Ruth bought him a plane, which he filled with antifascist pamphlets. He flew up and over the Spanish Steps in Rome, dropping pamphlets, and then out to sea. He never returned or was ever found.

Next week... Part II of "A Draper Saga."

VALLEY COMMUNITY

River Ramblings

Text & Photos by Joseph Hertlein

Road Closures, Mudslides, Sandbags & More Sandbags, Neighbors helping neighbors and The Rains Continue...

Carmel Valley weathers the continuing Storm of '98 through the dedication of many public officials and most of all because of the commitment of many neighbors helping one another. Throughout the Valley there have been countless stories of neighbors helping each other. Filling and stacking sandbags, clearing ditches, making communal runs to the store (if you could get there), hotel owners putting up people forced out of their home, there were examples after example of neighbors helping one another.

As the rains continued, workers from the County Public Works Department, Cal Trans, PG&E and others have been working around the clock to clear roadways and drainage ditches, to repair downed power lines, and to prevent water from flooding.



When water backed up from a blocked culvert underneath Carmel Valley Road, Public Works crews were out quickly on Saturday to clear it.

Monday, February 9th, was the first clear day in a week and-a-half. There has been steady, and at times, heavy precipitation. In the first ten days of February this year there has been 11.28 inches of rain. In the same period last year there had been 1/10th of an inch of rain. Total rainfall for the rain year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 has been 32.26" so far, compared to 18.77 inches in the same period last year. All this extra rainfall has meant the ground is saturated and additional rains are washing down hills, all too fast.

Mudslides have blocked drainage ditches and caused flooding in areas that had never before experienced problems. The Garzas Creek, dry most of the year now looks like a raging river. Neighbors in the area worked together to prevent erosion from undermining West Garzas Road and possibly cutting off access to

the west. Neighbors took turns throughout the night clearing a drainage ditch that threatened homes.

No one it seemed was exempt from the effects of the Storm of '98. If it wasn't rain, mudslides and flooding causing the problem it was the wind blowing down trees. The high winds of last Thursday night's storm blew down many trees that have caused numerous power outages and



blocked roadways and driveways. Tree service firms have been working overtime on contract with the County and State to clear vital roadways and drainage areas. Great neighbors had helped my neighbor and I cut through seven giant eucalyptus trees had been blown down across our driveway.

Mudslides along Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade have made it difficult getting into and out of the Valley this past week. Along with mudslides, huge boulders fell across Carmel Valley Road completely closing the road on Saturday. A huge mudslide closed Laureles Grade on Sunday. Even now that the roads are open, there are sections reduced to a single lane as crews continue to clear ongoing mudslides.

Throughout the weekend, neighbors



gathered at Rosie's Bridge to check on the River's flow. Along its banks thousands of sandbags could be seen that had been placed to shore up the levy. Carmel Valley and Mid Valley Fire Departments have made available more than 20,000 sandbags so residents can safeguard their homes and prevent drainage ditches from impacting whole neighborhoods. Throughout the storm there has been



extraordinary and continuing examples of neighbors helping each other.

Carmel Valley is a beautiful place to live, that is certainly so when the sun is shining. Even when floods are ravaging, the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors provides warmth that is even brighter than the sun.

Tularcitos Spelling Bee Winners

Michelle Meyer and Kyle Zabala won the recent Tularcitos Elementary School

Spelling Bee contest. Alternates selected were Jessica Hightower and Claire Keresey. These outstanding 5th graders were to have competed in the Countywide Spelling Bee contest last Saturday at Forest Grove in Pacific Grove. The Storm of '98 canceled the event. It has been rescheduled for Saturday February 28th. Good Luck Champions!



January 27

Carmel: Employees at a Carmel Rancho business report an illegal skateboarder in their midst. The employees confronted the juvenile and attempted to counsel the young man but to no avail. Upon being told that the sheriff was being called the subject responded with a rude retort then fled in a waiting vehicle. The employees want him cited. They obtained a license number of the getaway car. Investigation continues...

January 28

Carmel: Man reports his car was broken into some time during the night. A CD player was stolen worth \$350.

Carmel: Individual called to complain that Cal Trans has been painting the trees around her house. She said it's probably for the freeway but she still wants to make a report of it.

Carmel: Woman reports having a dispute with her tenant. She wanted to lock her tenant out of her residence. She was advised not to.

Big Sur: A bus driver called to report some students on his bus ignited a smoke bomb.

January 29

Carmel: A woman reported, an unknown man approached her from the rear, grabbed her rear-end with both hands and simulated fornication.

Carmel Valley: Woman parked her vehicle in front of the Carmel Valley Library at around 1:40pm. She secured her vehicle and went into library. Ten minutes later she returned to her vehicle to find someone had forced entry and stolen her purse. A large rock was used to smash in the right front driver's side window.

January 31

Carmel: A woman requested a civil stand by while she removed her property from her room. She was frightened and thought her

landlord may come by, she has an on going problem with him.

Carmel: Ocean Rescue and State Parks Lifeguards responded to a report of a swimmer in trouble at the end of Ocean Ave, on Carmel Beach. It was later discovered that the subject exited on his own power.

Carmel: Individual gave a party at his father's house. Individual was found to be under the influence of alcohol.

Carmel: Man reported someone entered his bedroom, and took a unloaded 44 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver from his dresser drawer.

Pebble Beach: A Pacific Grove woman reported to me that she had found three syringes washed up on the beach at Spanish Bay. Police combed the beach and found two syringes.

Pebble Beach: A man reports the theft of a cellular phone from a retail tent during the AT&T Golf Tournament.

Carmel: Reporting person reported seeing a nude man on the river trail in Garland Park, while she was walking her dog.

Carmel: A Los Gatos resident was arrested for public intoxication after he was seen by Carmel residents wondering through the residents' yards.

February 1

Carmel: A man wants to report that for the last two years a 65 to 70 year old man drives by him and honks his horn and makes unknown hand gestures. Today he got the license plate. Pebble Beach: Unknown person (s) shot BB pellets at two Frontier Bus Lines buses between 1800 hrs., 1/31/98 and 0600, 2/1/98 and shattered the outer pane of one window of each bus. Damage estimated at \$1,800.

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